

What is claimed is:

1. A magnetic thin film head comprising:  
a write head element; and  
a read head element;

wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

wherein Ni in composition of a formed layer is 80.8wt% to 82.0wt%.

2. A magnetic thin film head according to claim 1, in which said Ni is composed of an initially formed layer having a thickness of 1.0  $\mu$  m is 80.8 to 82.0 wt%, and of an upper layer on said initially formed layer 1.0  $\mu$  m thick is 81.0 to 81.2 wt%.

3. A magnetic thin film head comprising:  
a write head element; and  
a read head element;

wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

wherein a magnetostriction constant  $\lambda$

representing a magnetic characteristic of said ferromagnetic film is  $-2.0$  to  $-7.0 \times 10^{-7}$  in an initially formed layer having a thickness of  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ , and

5            wherein said magnetostriction constant  $\lambda$  is  $-3.0$  to  $-4.0 \times 10^{-7}$  in an upper layer on said initially formed layer  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  thick.

10           4           A magnetic thin film head comprising:  
             a write head element; and  
             a read head element;  
             wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating  
15           in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

             wherein a film thickness exceeding  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  in said ferromagnetic film formed of NiFe permalloy material has an Ni content accuracy of  $\pm 0.1 \text{ wt\%}$ , and  
20           wherein a film thickness of  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  or less in said ferromagnetic film formed of NiFe permalloy material has an Ni content accuracy of  $\pm 0.3 \text{ wt\%}$ .

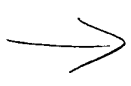
25           5.           A method of fabricating a magnetic thin film comprising the step of:

- (a) forming a write head element;
  - (b) forming a read head element;
- wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft

magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

5            wherein Ni in composition of an initially formed layer having a thickness of 1.0  $\mu$  m is 80.8 to 82.0 wt%, and

             wherein Ni in composition of an upper layer on said initially formed layer 1.0  $\mu$  m thick is 81.0 to  
10       81.2 wt%,

 (c) timewise regulating a current density of permalloy electroplating under control of a personal computer;

             wherein a plurality of time periods and a  
15       plurality of current values are preset for film formation.

6.       A method of fabricating a magnetic thin film comprising the step of:

20            (a) forming a write head element; and  
             (b) forming a read head element;

             wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating  
25       in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

             wherein a magnetostriction constant  $\lambda$  representing a magnetic characteristic of said

ferromagnetic film is  $-2.0$  to  $-7.0 \times 10^{-7}$  in an initially formed layer having a thickness of  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ , and

wherein said magnetostriction constant  $\lambda$  is  $-3.0$  to  $-4.0 \times 10^{-7}$  in an upper layer on said initially formed layer  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  thick,

→ (c) timewise regulating a current density of permalloy electroplating under control of a personal computer;

wherein a plurality of time periods and a plurality of current values are preset for film formation.

7. A method of fabricating a magnetic thin film comprising the step of:

- (a) forming a write head element; and
- (b) forming a read head element;

wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

wherein a film thickness exceeding  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  in said ferromagnetic film formed of NiFe permalloy material has an Ni content accuracy of  $\pm 0.1 \text{ wt\%}$ , and

wherein a film thickness of  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  or less in said ferromagnetic film formed of NiFe permalloy material has an Ni content accuracy of  $\pm 0.3 \text{ wt\%}$ ,

(c) timewise regulating a current density of permalloy electroplating under control of a personal computer;

5 wherein a plurality of time periods and a plurality of current values are preset for film formation.

8 A magnetic disk apparatus having a magnetic thin film head comprising:

10 a write head element; and  
a read head element;

wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

15 wherein Ni in composition of an initially formed layer having a thickness of  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  is 80.8 to 82.0 wt%, and

20 wherein Ni in composition of an upper layer on said initially formed layer  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  thick is 81.0 to 81.2 wt%.

25 9 A magnetic disk apparatus having a magnetic thin film head comprising:

a write head element; and  
a read head element;

wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft

magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

5            wherein a magnetostriction constant  $\lambda$  representing a magnetic characteristic of said ferromagnetic film is  $-2.0$  to  $-7.0 \times 10^{-7}$  in an initially formed layer having a thickness of  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ , and

10           wherein said magnetostriction constant  $\lambda$  is  $-3.0$  to  $-4.0 \times 10^{-7}$  in an upper layer on said initially formed layer  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  thick.

15           10        A magnetic disk apparatus having a magnetic thin film head comprising:

              A magnetic thin film head comprising:

              a write head element; and

              a read head element;

20           wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

25           wherein a film thickness exceeding  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  in said ferromagnetic film formed of NiFe permalloy material has an Ni content accuracy of  $\pm 0.1 \text{ wt}\%$ , and

              wherein a film thickness of  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$  or less in said ferromagnetic film formed of NiFe permalloy

material has an Ni content accuracy of  $\pm 0.3$  wt%.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176